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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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## **EOPSS Funding Opportunities**

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

### **Massachusetts District Attorney Services Staffing**

#### **Application Deadline: November 13, 2009**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) announces the availability of funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). Specifically under this AGF, subject to the availability of funds, approximately \$645,000 in Violence Against Women Act STOP Recovery Act funds will be awarded to Massachusetts District Attorney Offices through a modified competitive process. The primary purpose of these funds is to help agencies address staffing reductions incurred since July 1, 2008 that significantly impact serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence. This is a one-time grant that will provide funding for up to 16 months.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) (go to Funding & Training Opportunities then click on Justice and Prevention, Grant Programs, Violence Against Women Act Grant Program).

### **FFY 2009 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Application for Grant Funding (AGF)**

#### **Application Deadline: December 18, 2009**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of approximately \$1,233,720 in funds to continue the practice of having one (1) fiduciary agent to perform the management, administrative, and planning duties associated with all four of the Massachusetts Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council's Federal Fiscal Year 2009 SHSP funding. Eligible applicants include entities that are considered "local units of government" who have, or who can develop and sustain, the capacity to perform the associated management, administration, and planning duties associated with SHSP funding on a statewide basis.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/eopsfunding](http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding) (click on Homeland Security) or contact [Jeff.Timperi@state.ma.us](mailto:Jeff.Timperi@state.ma.us).

### **2009-2010 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant**

#### **Application Deadline: Open, rolling-enrollment**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division, announces the availability of approximately \$2,650,000 in federal grant funding in Federal Fiscal Year 2010 for municipal, college and university law enforcement agencies for high visibility enforcement during mobilizations and for the purchase of traffic enforcement-related equipment and materials.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/highwaysafety](http://www.mass.gov/highwaysafety) (click on links for the 2009-2010 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant).

## **Research and Publications**

### **Profile of Intimate Partner Violence Cases in Large Urban Counties**

This Bureau of Justice Statistics report examines 3,750 cases of intimate partner violence, filed in the state courts of 16 large urban counties in May 2002. Topics include: types of charges filed against defendants; victim injury; defendant weapon use; evidence obtained; adjudication outcomes; and sentences imposed on convicted defendants. The report also includes the potential impact of certain case characteristics on the probability of a case conviction.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/pipvcluc.pdf>.

### **Benchmarks for Developing a Law Enforcement Pandemic Flu Plan**

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, this “Benchmarks” is designed to be an interactive guide for law enforcement officials to assist with a public health emergency planning process; specifically a flu pandemic. One of a series created by the Police Executive Research Forum, the report includes links to sample pandemic flu plans and downloadable templates that readers can customize for their agencies.

Access full text at: [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/PERF\\_PandemicBenchmarks.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/PERF_PandemicBenchmarks.pdf).

## **Conferences and Trainings**

### **Reducing Bullying in Athletics**

**November 12, 2009 in Bridgewater, MA**

Presented by the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center, this conference will examine methods to reduce bullying in athletics. A model program in Worcester, MA will be discussed in detail and the keynote speaker will be Bob Bigelow, former Celtic and author of *Just Let Them Play*. The registration fee of \$60 includes breakfast, lunch, PDPs and all take-back materials.

For more information: [www.MARCcenter.org](http://www.MARCcenter.org) or call 508-531-1784.

### **Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) Training**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is sponsoring one-day training sessions in six cities for American Reinvestment and Recovery Act Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) and 2009 JAG grantees. Participants will receive in-depth training on the BJA Performance Measurement Tool and will have the opportunity to have an expert guide them through the reporting system. In addition, the Justice Department’s Office of the Inspector General will offer suggestions on how to protect grants from waste, fraud, and abuse. Grantees are strongly encouraged to attend.

The schedule for training sessions is: November 9 in Alexandria, VA; November 17 in St. Louis, MO; December 1 in Denver, CO; December 4 in Dallas, TX; December 7 in Atlanta, GA; and December 10 in San Francisco, CA.

For more information: [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pmt.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pmt.html).

## **News**

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

### **Chief Justice Warns Cuts Put Courts at Risk**

***The Boston Globe*, October 22, 2009**

According to *The Boston Globe*, in sharply worded remarks before about 150 lawyers, Margaret H. Marshall, chief justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, warned that financial troubles are clogging the courts, pulling probate officers from Boston schools, and decimating the ranks of court-appointed guardians. Marshall said a \$50 million budget cut over the past year had left the system understaffed and increasingly unable to provide “prompt, effective justice.” Marshall’s address followed Governor Deval Patrick’s recent announcement that as many as 2,000 state jobs could be eliminated to help close a \$600 million budget shortfall.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/10/22/chief\\_justice\\_warns\\_cuts\\_will\\_impede\\_courts/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/10/22/chief_justice_warns_cuts_will_impede_courts/).

### **Massachusetts General Hospital, Police Working on Hospital Safety Plan**

***The Boston Herald, October 29, 2009***

Massachusetts General Hospital is tearing through its security plan to see what can be done to stop the brutal attacks that left two defenseless female employees battered and bloody, according to *The Boston Herald*. Mass. General released a statement announcing they are now working with Boston police to see what can be done to improve safety. The union that represents Bay State nurses is also pushing a bill aimed at beefing up protection for health care providers confronting an “epidemic of violence.” A bill pending in the state Senate would address that by forcing hospitals to come up with a security plan to protect the staff and fining the institution \$2,000 each time it fails to comply with that plan.

Access full text at: [http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20091029massachusetts\\_general\\_hospital\\_police\\_working\\_on\\_hospital\\_safety\\_plan/](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20091029massachusetts_general_hospital_police_working_on_hospital_safety_plan/).

### **Patrick Cites State’s Gains as Cuts Loom**

***The Boston Globe, October 29, 2009***

According to *The Boston Globe*, Governor Deval Patrick said that Massachusetts had created or retained 23,533 jobs as a result of spending \$1.9 billion in federal stimulus money over the past eight months, an announcement that precedes what is expected to be a dire set of budget cuts to be outlined by the governor this afternoon. The 23,533 individual jobs created or retained amount to 8,792 full-time positions, according to the administration’s calculations. The positions are overwhelmingly those of teachers, Patrick said, but they include firefighters, police officers, and construction workers. In addition, the Patrick administration estimates that there have been 11,767 jobs indirectly created or retained by the infusion of federal dollars.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/yourtown/natick/articles/2009/10/29/patrick\\_cites\\_states\\_gains\\_as\\_cuts\\_loom/](http://www.boston.com/yourtown/natick/articles/2009/10/29/patrick_cites_states_gains_as_cuts_loom/).

### **Patrick to End Nearly 1,000 Jobs**

***The Boston Globe, October 30, 2009***

According to *The Boston Globe*, Governor Deval Patrick intends to close a projected \$600 million budget gap by eliminating nearly 1,000 state jobs, shaving millions from human service programs, reducing help for local school building projects, and possibly closing the State House library. The Governor said he would move to make \$352 million in cuts across state government, including \$277 million from the executive branch. He will also seek authority from lawmakers to make \$75 million in additional reductions in other branches of government, including the Legislature, the judiciary, and county sheriffs. The rest of the \$600 million gap Patrick said he would close through \$248 million in additional measures, including \$62 million from the federal stimulus bill, which will offset cuts to higher education. Patrick also said he would ask the Legislature to eliminate two controversial paid holidays for certain state workers, Evacuation Day and Bunker Hill Day, although that change would carry more symbolic weight than financial implications.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/10/30/patrick\\_to\\_end\\_nearly\\_1000\\_jobs/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/10/30/patrick_to_end_nearly_1000_jobs/).

### **BPD Launches Patrol to Help Boston's Homeless**

***The Boston Herald*, November 2, 2009**

The Boston Police Department's recently formed Street Outreach Team is a two-person, walking, talking ounce of prevention aimed at helping the homeless and easing the load on city services that help them, reports *The Boston Herald*. Officers Alexander Zahlaway and Michelle Maffeo volunteered for the duty a year ago and now spend hours of their shift listening to the homeless, their stories, their problems, their needs and their complaints, with the goal of keeping them warm, safe, fed and out of trouble. While it's not against the law to be homeless, the population tends to spend more time in jail and in court than others, police said. Mental illness and drug abuse lead to frequent arrests, which create an ingrained distrust of the police department.

Access full text at: [http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20091102bpd\\_launches\\_patrol\\_to\\_help\\_bostons\\_homeless\\_street\\_cops/](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20091102bpd_launches_patrol_to_help_bostons_homeless_street_cops/).

### **MBTA Unveils Ads Warning About Pervs**

***The Boston Herald*, November 2, 2009**

The MBTA rolled out a new public awareness campaign it hopes will stop public transit pervs and predators in their tracks, hopefully building on the success of an earlier initiative, reports *The Boston Herald*. T officials and Boston Area Rape Crisis Center representatives unveiled the ads at Back Bay station yesterday. Hundreds of new signs depicting passengers through the lens of a surveillance camera and warnings of plainclothes officers on board will be posted inside MBTA subway cars and buses over the next few weeks, T officials said. T officials claim their initiative to encourage riders to report assaults, begun last year, led to a 40 percent increase in arrests for indecent assault and battery over the past 18 months.

Access full text at: [http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20091102mbta\\_unveils\\_ads\\_warning\\_about\\_pervs/](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20091102mbta_unveils_ads_warning_about_pervs/).

## **Announcement**

### **Perceptions of Racial and Ethnic Overrepresentation in the Juvenile Justice System Study**

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) has prepared a short survey for people who work at least partly in the juvenile justice system. The goal of this survey is to gather information that will provide Massachusetts with a better understanding of the racial and ethnic disparities in the Massachusetts juvenile justice system. The results will be used by the JJAC to advise the Governor and Legislature on juvenile justice issues, garner insight into how best to spend federal discretionary funds in Massachusetts, and ensure Massachusetts' compliance with the mandates of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Please note that the surveys are confidential and that no identifying information will be shared.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Polk, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, at 617-725-3364 or [andrew.polk@state.ma.us](mailto:andrew.polk@state.ma.us).

To access the survey:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rpku\\_2fpNGYzWlvy4ceeRkA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rpku_2fpNGYzWlvy4ceeRkA_3d_3d).

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